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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SENEGALESE APPEAL FOR OAU ACTION

REF: ABIDJAN 6567 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING DIRECTOR MEA AFRICA DEPARTMENT OGUNSULIRE, THERE HAD BEEN NO CONTACT BETWEEN SENGHOR AND FMG ON GUINEAN CHARGES AS OF COB SEPTEMBER 20 "UNLESS IT HAS BEEN DONE OVER OUR HEADS DIRECT TO STATE HOUSE." OGUNSULIRE HAD SEEN SENGHOR'S PUBLIC APPEAL FOR OAU ACTION AND THOUGHT SENEGALESE PRESIDENT MIGHT WELL COMMUNICATE WITH GOWON ON SUBJECT, BUT EMPHASIZED SUCH APPROACH HAD NOT YET OCCURRED.

2. OGUNSULIRE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT RUPTURE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN SENEGAL AND GUINEA WAS "UNFORTUNATE" BUT ABSTAINED FROM OFFERING JUDGEMENT ON VALIDITY OF CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES.

3. RE QUESTION POSED REFTTEL, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT
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GOWON TAKE ANY ACTION UNLESS HE RECEIVES DIRECT

REQUEST FROM SENGHOR OR ONE OF OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE INVOLVED. SHOULD APPROACH BE MADE, INITIAL RESPONSE LIKELY BE COMBINATION OF PUBLIC APPEAL FOR CALM AND HIGH-LEVEL FMG MISSION TO CAPITALS FOR PRIVATE CONTACTS, WITH SUBSEQUENT STEPS TO DEPEND ON MISSION SOUNDINGS. CLEAR FROM OGUNSULIRE REMARKS PARA 2 THAT FMG CAREFULLY ACCEPTABILITY AS MEDIATOR IF CALLED UPON TO PLAY SUCH ROLE.
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